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HOLIDAYS ARE OVER. GOING BACK TO SCHOOL FILLED WITH SUMMER MEMORIES!

NEW SEMESTER

WOW, YOU'RE SUPER TANNED.

I WENT TO GUAM WITH MY FAMILY!

I BROUGHT BACK SOUVENIRS FOR YOU!

Plain Girls A and B

MORNING, AYAME-CHAN!

OH, MOR-NING.

YEAH, THE GUY WHO WAS ALWAYS SITTING IN THE BACK OF THE CLASSROOM LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW.

YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT OUR CLASSMATE TAKAYAMA-KUN?

APPARENTLY, HE'S MISSING.

HEY, DID YOU HEAR ABOUT TAKAYAMA-KUN?

HUH?

I ONLY WENT TO MY GRANDMA'S HOUSE IN HIROSHIMA DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

I'M SO JEALOUS,

BESIDES THAT I MAINLY JUST STUDIED.

BUT,

I DIDN'T KNOW...

WHY?! MISS-ING?!

THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T OFTEN COME TO SCHOOL.

DUNNO, I HEARD HE WAS IN A COMPLICATED FAMILY SITUATION.

YOU'RE EARLY KARA-SUMA-KUN.

MORNING.

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OH...

WHAT?
KARASUMA-KUN, YOU'RE NOT THAT TANNED EITHER.

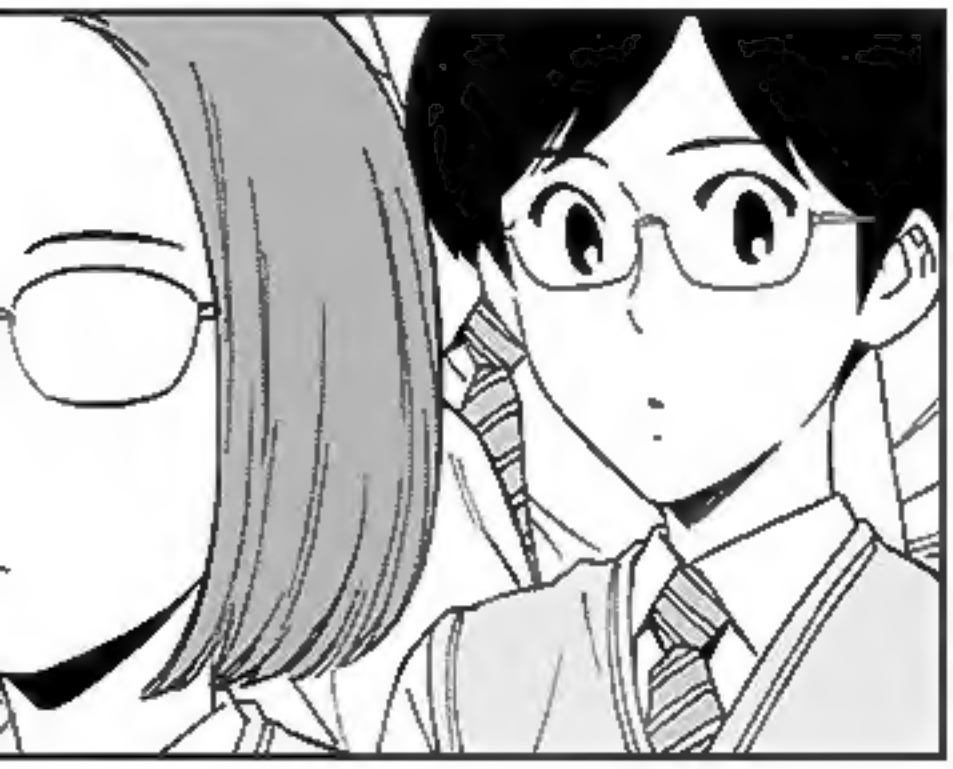
HEY.
MORNING.

I WAS MORE ACTIVE DURING THE NIGHT TIME.

YEAH,

HUH, I'M NOT?

YEAH, I HAVE SENSITIVE SKIN SO I DON'T TAN THAT MUCH.



IT'S TRAINING AND PREPARATION LIKE THIS THAT'LL MAKE A HUGE DIFFERENCE IN THE CASE OF A CATASTROPHE.

IT'S DISASTER PREVENTION DAY TODAY.

FRIENDS WITH TAKAYAMA-KUN?

WASN'T KARASUMA-KUN...

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Where do you want to sit Ayame-chan?

Same as now

教室

OH YEAH,

PEOPLE WITH POOR EYESIGHT CAN HAVE THE FRONT ROW SEATS SO JUST TELL ME!

SORRY, I...

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AS USUAL, WE WILL REASSIGN CLASSROOM PLACEMENT BY DRAWING LOTS.

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KARASUMA-KUN DIDN'T ASK TO BE IN THE FRONT THIS TIME...

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MOVE TO THE SEAT YOU JUST DREW.

Wait, who used to sit here?

We're in the same group.

I wanted to be on the side of the class.

SFX: AHAHAHA

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ALWAYS SITTING IN THE BACK OF THE CLASS-ROOM LOOKING OUT THE WINDOW...

SO, COULD YOU WRITE TAKAYAMA ON THE UNASSIGNED SEAT, PLEASE?

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WAS KARASUMA-KUN...

ALWAYS LIKE THAT?

SOPHIE, COULD YOU CLEAR THE TABLE?

WHAT'S UP?

IS THERE SOMETHING OUTSIDE?

HURRY UP, DINNER IS ALMOST READY.

PLEASE, SET THE TABLE.

IT'S CALLING.

YES, MUMMY MUST HAVE BEEN CALLING,

THE BAD GIRL THAT DOESN'T HELP HER.

KYAAA!

YOU'RE THE ONE NOT TELLING ME THE WHOLE STORY!

I'VE WOUNDED THEM BUT THEY WON'T STOP.

ARE THEY HUMAN?

AREN'T YOU A PRO? DO SOMETHING!

THEY UNDERESTIMATED ME.

YOU CAN FOLLOW THEIR MOVEMENTS EASILY.

OUR TWO ASSAILANTS, THEY LOOK LIKE TIRED MEN?

YEAH.

THEIR GUN SKILL?

NORMA...

THEY'RE NORMAL HUMANS WHO DON'T FEEL PAIN OVER A CERTAIN EXCITEMENT THRESHOLD.

THEY'RE ONLY LOW-LEVEL BOOSTED HUMANS.

BIO-BOOSTED SOLDIER...

I SUSPECTED THAT YOU WERE FROM EDEN, AM I RIGHT?

AND THEIR PAINLESS STATE ONLY LASTS FOR ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.

IF YOU'RE SKILLED ENOUGH, WE CAN ESCAPE THEM.

AIM FOR THEIR HEAD OR LEGS.

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SHUT UP AND GET ME TO THE ABANDONED HOSPITAL, YOU THUG!

Don't call me a thug.

WHO ARE YOU MEETING IN SUCH A CREEPY PLACE?

I WON'T WORK FOR MORE THAN WHAT YOU PAID ME.

WHAT!

THEY HAVE "LIGHTING" BOOSTERS.

THE OTHER ONE'S ALSO COMING!

WE CAN'T ESCAPE?!!

SFX: UGH (PAIN)

UGH!

USING A BOOSTER AND FLANKING US...

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DO YOU WANT ME TO FINISH THEM?

I PRESUME YOU'RE EVE-SAMA? SINCE YOU WERE LATE, I CAME TO ESCORT YOU.

THEY'LL BE USELESS FOR QUITE SOME TIME.

THEY USED STRONG DRUGS.

I THOUGHT THEIR PRODUCTION WAS ABANDONED BECAUSE IT WASN'T COST-EFFICIENT,

BUT MAYBE THEY'RE STILL PRODUCING SOME.

DON'T BOTHER.

A CAR IS WAITING FOR YOU NEAR THE HOSPITAL.

WE SHOULD MOVE.

ONLY THIS LOW LEVEL ARE USING DRUGS...

WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO WITH THAT MAN?

SFX: SURPRISE

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Her real name is Eve then...

Call me Elizabeth.

IT WAS MOSTLY EVE-SAMA WHO TOOK CARE OF YOU,

EVEN THOUGH WE ALSO HAVE A MEDICAL TEAM HERE.

OH, YOU'VE WOKEN UP.

WHERE ARE WE?

YOU'LL NEED TO REST FOR QUITE SOME TIME AS YOU'VE LOST A LOT OF BLOOD.

YOU'RE IN OUR CASTLE.

THE MAJORITY OF THEM HIDE THEIR FACES AND HAVE EYES LIKE A DEADMAN.

I HEARD THAT THERE WAS A SECRET SOCIETY REGROUPING MONSTERS DRIFTING AWAY FROM EDEN.

ITS NAME WAS...

I APOLOGIZE THAT YOU'VE HAD TO ADAPT TO MY WAYS.

WE HAVE A PERSON WITH TALENT IN COOKING. HE HAS A KEEN SENSE OF TASTE AND AN ESPECIALLY PHENOMENAL SENSE OF SMELL.

I ALSO HAVE A FEW GOOD SENSES BUT I COULDN'T MAKE SUCH DELICACIES.

IT'S SOME INTERESTING PREFERENCES, BUT I'M ENJOYING IT.

AND THE FOOD IS GREAT.

MAYBE YOU THOUGHT THAT WE'D EAT RAW FISH?

I'M A SCIENTIST.

MY MUSCLE TISSUES ARE ALSO A LITTLE MODIFIED.

ATHLETES DO THAT AS WELL NOWADAYS.

I DON'T LIKE YOUR PROFANE STATEMENT AGAINST THE HONEST ATHLETES.

YOU ARE KIND.

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SO, I KNOW THAT THEY'VE ONLY MODIFIED YOUR SKIN SURFACE

AND THAT YOU'RE JUST A NORMAL HUMAN BEING UNDERNEATH, PROFESSOR NILE.

SECRET SOCIETY EXODUS LEADER NILE

IT'S SURELY BECAUSE OF OUR ASPECT THAT EDEN DOESN'T BOTHER WITH THEIR FUGITIVES.

TO MELT INTO SOCIETY WITH THIS ASPECT...

I JUST FEEL A LITTLE BIT ILL IF MY BODY GETS TOO DRY,

BUT I'LL LIVE LONGER.

MY MODIFICATION WAS VERY SMALL.

THEY THINK THAT IT'S NOT POSSIBLE TO LIVE AS A HUMAN.

DO YOU KNOW WHY EDEN STARTED TO CREATE MODIFIED HUMANS?

WE CAN'T BE GENTLE.

MY TITLE OF PROFESSOR IS ONLY DECORATIVE. I'M SURE YOU UNDERSTAND.

IT'S TRUE WE WENT UNDERGROUND AND SOUGHT AFTER SIMILAR INDIVIDUALS TO START OUR ORGANIZATION. WE SURVIVED BY DOING DIRTY JOBS.

THE NEXT HUMANITY.

COUNTLESS CHILDREN'S FUTURES WERE CUT SHORT BY THEIR STUPID IDEOLOGY. THEY ALSO CREATED A HUGE NUMBER OF ABOMINATIONS AS WELL.

I CAN ONLY QUALIFIED IT AS DERANGED.

THAT'S WHY THEY EXPERIMENTED MAINLY ON CHILDREN

I WAS CALLED A +CHILD AS WELL.

THE IDEA THAT ADDING NEW POWERS WILL CREATE A NEW HUMAN-ITY IS JUST A POOR IDEA IN MY OPINION.

CREATED AS THE BEST OF THE CURRENT HUMANITY,

DESIGNER BABIES LIKE YOU SEEM TO BE A BETTER IDEA TO ME.

TRULY.

REALLY?

THE SHORT LIFESPAN THAT WAS THOUGHT OF AS A FAILURE,

IS NOW CONSIDERED A GOOD THING AS A SOURCE OF DISPOSABLE WORKFORCE.

THAT'S OUR VALUE.

BLONDE HAIR AND BLUE EYES.

BUT WE ALL LOOK LIKE THIS IN EDEN'S BOTTOM FLOORS.

PHYSICAL APPEARANCE IS WORTH NOTHING.

IT'S AN APPEARANCE TO THEIR LIKING, DON'T YOU THINK?

T/N: BEING OF THE SAME KIND OR NATURE, ESSENTIALLY ALIKE

IN A CLOSED HOMOGENEOUS* ENVIRONMENT AKIN TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA.

WE REPEATED A SIMILAR LIFE, AGAIN AND AGAIN.

AN ETERNAL PRISON.

AS YOU'RE NOT ALONE YOU CAN'T GO MAD.

BEFORE YOU CAN DEVELOP A MORAL SENSE OF RIGHT OR WRONG,

THEY MAKE YOU DO EXPERIMENTS THAT WOULD CAUSE HUMAN AND ANIMAL RIGHTS ACTIVISTS TO SCREAM.

BY THE TIME YOU'RE AT AN AGE TO IDENTIFY IT AS AN ACTUAL CRIME, YOU'VE ALREADY PASSED THE POINT OF NO RETURN.

MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE PRISON WORK IS THE WORST.

THE EXPERIMENT ON YOUR SKIN,

WAS PERHAPS CARRIED OUT BY US IN OUR CHILDHOOD.

I WON'T.

OR MAYBE NOT, AS YOU WERE ALSO ONE OF THE FIRST EXPERIMENTS OF EDEN.

BUT I KNOW THAT YOU'VE ALSO BEEN HURT.

BUT IT'S ALL THE SAME.

YOU WOULDN'T FORGIVE US, WOULD YOU?

WE DEEPEN OUR CRIMES AS WE PROSPER.

ALL HUMANS, MYSELF INCLUDED, ARE DISHONORABLE AND SINNERS.

MANY TIMES.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO CONSIDER THAT PERHAPS SUCH VILE CREATURE SHOULD PERISH?

I HOPE THE SERAPH ARE BEAUTIFUL.

DO SERAPHIM POSSESS IMAGINATION?

THE MORE SOMEONE LACKS IMAGINATION, THE MORE THEY TEND TO EASILY DENY, DISCARD AND IGNORE OTHERS AND WHAT THEY DON'T UNDERSTAND.

FLYING TO A WORLD A PERSON ALONE CANNOT HOPE TO FIND, BY HOLDING EACH OTHER'S HANDS.

THAT'S HOW THEY'RE MADE.

THEY'RE MASTERPIECES.

THEY EVOLVE AS TO RESONATE WITH EACH OTHER,

THEY SHARE EVERYTHING, IN THE PUREST SENSE OF THE WORD.

HAPPINESS,

SADNESS,

PAIN,

EVERYTHING.

THEIR IMAGINATION MAKES THEM EVOLVE.

ONLY BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE COULD SCALE DOWN OUR WORLD.

IT'S NOT SOMETHING A SCIENTIST SHOULD SAY.

I SEE...

BY DREAMING OF IT, THEY GRASP THE FUTURE.

DOESN'T IT SOUND NICE, WHEN IT'S PUT THAT WAY?

IT IS NICE.

I...

LIKE THE FACT THAT ONLY CHILDREN CAN BECOME SERAPHIM.

A "SPREADER" APPEARED IN CHINA.

THE WHEELS ARE ALREADY IN MOTION.

WE'RE ONLY HERE TO MAKE SURE THAT EVERYTHING WILL GO SMOOTHLY.

ACCORDING TO MY FRIEND'S CALCULATIONS USING THE SPREADER'S BLOOD,

WE COULD INCREASE THE APPARITION OF THE S-W1 GENE THAT ALLOWS ONE TO BECOME A SERAPH, BY FOUR FOLD TO AN ALMOST 50% CHANCE.

BY MIXING IT INTO CHILDREN'S PERIODIC VACCINES.

WE'VE ALREADY STARTED TO TEST IT IN SOME DEPOPULATED AREAS,

WHICH MEANS,

FROM NOW ON.

THE WHEELS WILL START TO ACCELERATE,

POWER IS RELATIVE, ISN'T IT?

IF WE WEAKEN, THEY GET STRONGER.

MY FRIENDS WHO HAVE THE TASK TO INCREASE AND EDUCATE THE SERAPHIM ARE WORKING HARD.

I NEED TO STEP UP.

WHAT CAN WE DO?

MY ROLE IS TO REDUCE HUMANITY.

A DISQUIETING MOVEMENT STARTS TO UNDERMINE THE WORLD. NEXT TIME!

OK?

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